New districts of Rajasthan in NREGA

†3788. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts of Rajasthan proposed to be covered under the next phase of the National Employment Guarantee Scheme; and

(b) the details of criteria fixed by Government to include any district under the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Six districts of Rajasthan namely Tonk, Sawai Madhopur, Chittorgarh, Barmer, Jalorand Jaisalmer have been covered under the second phase of NREGA and the Act has been implemented in these districts with effect from 1.4.2007.

(b) 200 districts were identified for implementation of NREGA in the-first phase. Out of these 200 districts, 150 districts were those districts which had earlier been identified for National Food for Work Programme and 50 new districts had been identified by the Planning Commission. These 150 districts were selected on the basis of three parameters, namely, SC/ST population, inverse of agricultural productivity per worker and inverse of agricultural wage rate. 45 districts were those districts which were covered under Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY) but not included in NFFWP Five districts were identified to assess the impact of the programme in certain specific backgrounds.

113 districts selected for implementation of NREGA in the second phase have been identified on the following criteria:

(i) 50 districts from the list of BRGF districts.

(ii) 15 additional districts with incidence of farmers' suicide.

(iii) 5 additional districts that were bifurcated and created with the districts with the original name already included in NFFWP/RSVY/ BRGF. The newly created districts with new names which were left out of these programmes are now included.

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(iv) 34 districts have been selected from the Planning Commission Ranking of backwardness used for identifying NFFWP districts, *viz.,* SC/ST population, inverse of agricultural productivity, and inverse of agricultural wages.

(v) In order to make an equitable distribution, at least.two districts in addition have been selected from each special category State as well as from States whose minimum number is not covered in items (i) to (iv) above. This covers 22 districts.

(vi) 4 districts have been taken up as Learning Impact Districts.

Financial assistance for resurvey of Government property

3789. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sought financial assistance for resurvey of Government property in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, the present status of the proposal and the Centre's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRASEKHAR SAHU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal costing Rs. 190.00 crore was received from the State Government of Karnataka for resurvey of all Government lands in the State. Central assistance of Rs. 95.00 crore towards Central share was sought by the State Government under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Strengthening of Revenue Administration and Updating of Land Records (SRA & ULR) for the purpose. The estimates were believed to be quite high and opinion of the National Informatics Centre (NIC) on the proposal was sought by this Ministry, who were of the opinion that adoption of modern technology could significantly facilitate the process. In the meantime, a proposal for the scheme of Comprehensive Modernization of Land Records (CMLR) came under consideration of this Ministry in place of the two Centrally sponsored schemes of computerisation of Land. Records (CLR) and SRA & ULR, which had, *inter alia,* provision for supporting the State Governments for undertaking survey/resurvey upon fulfilment of